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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM ZAIRIAN FONMIN FOR THE SECRETARY

1. IN FINAL MEETING PRIOR HIS RETURN TO ZAIRE JANUARY 5 FONMIN
BULA ASKED CHARGE TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SECRETARY.

2. BULA SAID THAT OAU PRESIDENT AMIN IS EAGER TO WARM UP RELATIONS
WITH US AND TO SEE OUR EMBASSY AT KAMPALA REOPENED. AMIN SEEMS
PRIMARILY MOTIVATED BY HIS CONCERN OVER UGANDA'S CURRENTLY HEAVY
MILITARY DEPENDENCY UPON THE SOVIET UNION. THIS BULA BELIEVES
ACCOUNTS FOR AMIN'S PAPERING OVER OF HIS DIFFERENCES WITH SOVIETS
ON ANGOLA AND HIS FAVORABLE PUBLIC STATEMENTS RECENTLY ABOUT USSR
VIS-A-VIS ANGOLA. BULA SAID THAT "AFTER HARD DISCUSSIONS IN
BANGUI DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 1 UNQUOTE HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO
GET AMIN TO AGREE TO THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WITH MOBUTU AND
BOKASSA WHICH IS IN LINE WITH ZAIRIAN U.S. AND OAU POLICY
OBJECTIVES IN ANGOLA. (BANGUI 002 AND 0001).

3. HOWEVER, MOBUTU HAD PROMISED AMIN "SOMETHING" IN RETURN FOR
HIS SUPPORT ON ANGOLA. THIS WOULD PROBABLY TAKE THE FORM
OF ASSISTANCE TO REDUCE UGANDAN RELIANCE ON SOVIET
MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICIANS. WHILE MOBUTU EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT ZAIRE MIGHT ASSIST AMIN THROUGH ITS MILITARY ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM, HE PRIMARILY UNDERTOOK TO SERVE AS AN INTERMEDIARY
IN IMPROVING UGANDA'S RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON.

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4. BULA RECOMMENDS THAT IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL AND TIMELY

IN ANGOLAN ISSUE FOR SECRETARY TO SIGNAL AMIN PRIOR TO OAU SUMMIT JANUARY 10-12 THAT THE USG PREPARED TO SEND SPECIAL EMISSARY TO KAMPALA OR ELSEWHERE TO MEET WITH HIM CONCERNING RE-OPENING OF AMERICAN EMBASSY WITH ACTUAL DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT LATER. BULA SAID THAT MOBUTU OR HE PREPARED DELIVER ANY MESSAGE SECRETARY MIGHT HAVE FOR AMIN. IN THIS REGARD, BULA SAID AMIN WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU AT LATTER'S HOME AT GBADOLITE IN NORTHERN ZAIRE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, TRANSITTING BANGUI ENROUTE.'

5. ACTION REQUESTED. BULA WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE TO HIS MESSAGE IF POSSIBLE BY TIME OF HIS ARRIVAL AT BANGUI IN AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 6 ON THE WAY TO GBADOLITE.
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